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SENATE BILL

No. 2183

Introduced by Senator Soto

March 16, 2000

An act relating to trauma intervention, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2183, as amended, Soto. Trauma intervention.

Under existing law, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) funds, among other programs, various programs relating to victims services.

This bill would appropriate—~~\$5,000,000~~ \$1,700,000 from the General Fund to OCJP for distribution to the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program for the purpose of operating over a period of 3 years an expanded version of a pilot program that currently provides trauma and grief intervention to students.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and
2 declares as follows:

3 (a) The UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program has a pilot
4 program in one cluster consisting of one high school and

1 two to four middle schools in northwest Pasadena that
2 provides trauma and grief intervention.

3 (b) The pilot program identifies youth that are in need
4 of postviolence and postdisaster mental health services.
5 Many of the students who participated in this program
6 suffered severe and debilitating chronic Posttraumatic
7 Stress Disorder and had lost their motivation for learning.

8 (c) The pilot program has been successful in treating
9 students for their trauma and also has helped to improve
10 their school work.

11 (d) The pilot program should be extended from one to
12 five clusters, two of which would be located in northern
13 California and three in southern California with specific
14 sites selected by the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program.

15 (e) The pilot program was funded by the Office of
16 Criminal Justice Planning.

17 SEC. 2. The sum of ~~five million dollars (\$5,000,000)~~
18 *one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000)*
19 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
20 Office of Criminal Justice Planning, *without regard to*
21 *fiscal year*, for distribution to the UCLA Trauma
22 Psychiatry Program for the purpose of operating over a
23 period of three years an expanded version of the pilot
24 program that currently provides trauma and grief
25 intervention in one cluster consisting of one high school
26 and two to four middle schools in northwest Pasadena.
27 The program shall be expanded from one to five clusters,
28 two of which would be located in northern California and
29 three in southern California with specific sites selected by
30 the UCLA Trauma Psychiatry Program. *In selecting the*
31 *five sites for implementation of the program, the Office*
32 *of Criminal Justice Planning and the UCLA Trauma*
33 *Psychiatry Program shall consider:*

34 (a) *The amount of crime and violence to which*
35 *students are exposed in the surrounding community.*

36 (b) *The ability of the program managers to develop a*
37 *coordinated plan with school and community mental*
38 *health services, local victim-witness assistance programs,*
39 *and local law enforcement officials.*

1 (c) Approval of the program by the governing school
2 district.
3 The program shall include an evaluation component in
4 which students treated in the program are compared
5 against a control group. The Office of Criminal Justice
6 Planning shall report on the program to the Legislature
7 annually, on an interim basis, and shall provide a full
8 report by February 1, 2004.

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